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For: CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, FRANCHISE  
SYSTEM PROVIDED THE CHARGE INFORMATION PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, CHARGE CALCULATING METHOD, RECORDING  
MEDIUM, AND PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Claim 7, line 2, please delete "or 5".

Claim 8, line 2, please delete "or 5".

Claim 24, line 2, please delete "or 23".

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 33 are pending herein. Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

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